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FM AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS
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INFO ALL EC CAPITALS
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USMTN GENEVA ALSO FOR MISSION
E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJECT: MTN: RULES OF ORIGIN

REF: STATE 158629

1. I CALLED ON AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR GEORG SEYFFERTITZ,
WHO CURRENTLY CHAIRS EFTA GROUP IN BRUSSELS, TO OUTLINE
US VIEWS ON RULES OF ORIGIN PROBLEM AS PRESENTED BY
STRAUSS TO HAFERKAMP IN WASHINGTON AND IN REFTEL. HE
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HAD WITH HIM HIS STAFF EXPERT, HANS LEGTMANN.

2. WE SPEEDILY CONCLUDED THAT THERE WAS LARGE AREA OF
COMMON INTEREST. SEYFFERTITZ WILL INFORM HIS EFTA
COLLEAGUES HERE OF US POSITION AND CABLE VIENNA, SUGGEST-
ING IN PARTICULAR THAT EFTA CUSTOMS EXPERTS WHO ARE DUE
TO MEET IN GENEVA NEXT WEEK EXAMINE WHAT CAN RAPIDLY

BE DONE. MTN GENEVA SHOULD ENDEAVOR, I WOULD THINK,
TO ESTABLISH FURTHER LINK WITH THIS GROUP.

2. LEGTMANN RAN THROUGH LONG EFFORT EFTA STATES HAVE
MADE TO TRY TO OBTAIN EEC AGREEMENT TO LIBERALIZATION.
HE AND AMBASSADOR SAID COMMISSION ALWAYS EVINced SOME
INTEREST, BUT ESSENTIALLY STALLED. COMMISSION PRESENTLY
ARGUES (A) ECONOMIC SITUATION IS NOT PROPITIOUS, (B)
ENLARGEMENT PERSPECTIVE COMPLICATES MATTER, AND IN ANY
CASE (C) SEVERAL MEMBER STATES ARE OPPOSED. HE SAID
EFTA PROPOSALS FOR "SIMPLIFICATION" OF RULES ARE NOT
EXACTLY THE SAME AS RETURN TO 50 PERCENT RULE, BUT THAT
IT'S CLOSE TO THAT, EXCEPT FOR TEXTILES. AS FOR TEX-
TILES, EFTA WAS NOT PROPOSING ANY LIBERALIZATION AND HE
DOUBTED THAT EFTA GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE INTERESTED. I
REITERATED THAT WE WERE INTERESTED IN TEXTILES AS WELL
AS MANUFACTURED GOODS. LEGTMANN THOUGHT EVENTUALLY
SOMETHING COULD BE DONE ON LATTER BUT NOT ON TEXTILES.
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